

ABSTRACT

It is disclosed an over-coating agent for forming fine patterns which is applied to cover a substrate having photo-
5 resist patterns thereon and allowed to shrink under heat so that the spacing between adjacent photoresist patterns is lessened, with the applied film of the over-coating agent being removed substantially completely to form fine patterns, further characterized by containing (a) a water-soluble poly-
10 mer and (b) a water-soluble crosslinking agent having at least one nitrogen atom in its structure. Also disclosed is a method of forming fine-line patterns using the over-coating agent. According to the invention, one can obtain fine-line patterns which exhibit good profiles while satisfying the
15 characteristics required of semiconductor devices, being excellent in controlling the dimension of patterns.